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## THREE WOMEN HERE ARE TYPESETTERS

Miss Virgie Campbell Runs a Linotype—Others Hand Composition.

ARE MEMBERS OF UNION

Miss Campbell Has Been at Stephens 26 Years. Likes the Work

Three women in Columbia earn a living by setting type. They are Miss Virgie Campbell and Miss Lily Sapington at the E. W. Stephens Publishing Company and Miss Lena Myers at the Herald office.

There are several women among the proof-readers here, but these three do the actual work of setting type. Two set type by hand. "On the floor," as it is called, and Miss Campbell operates a linotype machine.

Miss Myers has worked in various branches of the trade several years. "I learned to set type in the Macon Democrat office," she said "and have worked as compositor and typesetter with the Stephens company and in the Herald office since coming to Columbia. The composing department is the most agreeable work, I think."

"It was twenty-six years ago when I went into the office of the Stephens company to learn to set type said Miss Campbell." Of course that was before the days of the linotype, and before the days when there were many women in the trade. I have been in the same office ever since that time, and until last year I was the only woman in the Columbia Typographical Union, which has six members.

"There are only two men in our office who were there when I went into it. I remember the discussions we had when the linotype machines first began to be talked of. Nobody believed that machines would be possible or practical for a long time, and we hoped they wouldn't. Of course we all thought it would make less work and give employment to fewer printers than before. We have had the linotypes in the office about twelve years now, and I was fortunate enough to be given one to operate when they were first installed."

"I like the linotype work better than any other department. I was proof-reader about a year, but I was glad to return to my machine again. Our average amount of type set in a day is about 30,000 ems, but when the machines are in good working order and we have clean proof I have set as much as 70,000 ems in a day."

"We call it 'clean proof' when there are only two or three mistakes in a galley of type. If there are more mistakes to be corrected the proof is not so good. Most of the operators like to set what is called 'straight matter', that is regular paragraph matter as in the law books, of which we print so many in our office. I usually do catalog work, stock records, year books, names, dates and records of races. Somehow I like this better than straight matter to set. I set the University of Missouri alone the first year it was printed. Of course that was straight matter."

"I don't see why there are no more women doing linotype work. I don't find it difficult. The only thing is, you have to have your mind constantly on what you are doing if you are to prevent mistakes in your copy. I wouldn't change my profession with any one I know."

Miss Campbell, or "Miss Virgie," as she is known in the office where she works, was a charter member of the Columbia Typographical Union when it was organized about fifteen years ago. She has served on the executive committee, and as vice-president of the union. In 1904, she was sent as a delegate to the International Typographical Union in St. Louis. There were only two other women delegates to the meeting. She is now chairman of the auditing committee of the union, and is considered one of the best linotype operators in Columbia, according to the men who work in the same office.

RETURN FROM SHORT COURSE

Three College of Agriculture Men at Maryville Last Week.

Prof. E. A. Trowbridge, Prof. C. B. Hutchinson and T. R. Douglass of the College of Agriculture of the University returned Friday night from Maryville, Mo., where they held a short course last week. The farmers enrolled in the course gave a banquet Friday night at which 175 were present.

## Columbia Society

The Delta Gammas will have their regular at home Tuesday afternoon.

Frank Bellows of Madison, Wis., is visiting at the Phi Kappa Psi House this week.

Miss Eliza Gibbs and Miss Ruth Robertson of Mexico are visiting Miss Frances Glandon on Conley avenue.

Mrs. Curtis Rollins will entertain with a bridge party at her home day afternoon.

Miss Aline Estes of St. Louis is visiting Miss Elizabeth Phillips at the Kappa Alpha Theta House this week.

Mrs. Isadore Barth will entertain about forty friends with a card party at the Virginia Grill Monday afternoon.

Mrs. M. L. Lipscomb entertained a few friends at her home Friday afternoon for her daughter, Mrs. Fred Seddons of Kansas City.

Mrs. G. B. Dorsey gave a card party Friday afternoon at her home, 412 College avenue for Mrs. Alfred Seddons of Kansas City.

Miss Ruth Prather of Missouri avenue has for her guests at a week end party Misses Lillian Woolery, Katherine Graham and Nan Cauthorn of Mexico.

The Christian College girls will give a Washington Birthday party Thursday night. Columbia friends will be invited. The girls will wear colonial costumes.

Miss Jim Wilson left yesterday for her home in Fort Smith, Ark. She was in the school here first semester and stayed over for the Kappa Alpha Theta dance. She probably will return next year.

About thirty couples attended the Oklahoma Club dance at Casino Hall last night. The rooms were decorated with pennants and the club colors, red and white. Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Brandt were chaperons.

Sixty couples attended the Kappa Alpha Theta birthday dance Wednesday night. Columbia Hall was decorated in black and old gold and the lights were with old gold shade bearing the Greek emblems of the sorority. Among the out-of-town guests were: Miss Viola Pinkle and Miss Evelyn Zeibold of Waterloo, Ill.; Miss Charlotte Russell of Oregon, Mo.; Miss Opal Grimes of Moberly, Mo.; Major and Mrs. Paul Hunt of Jefferson City, Mo.; Miss Besse Settle of Centralia, Mo.; Miss Ruby Villard of Sedalia, Mo.; Frank Bellows of Madison, Wis.; Mr. Mounce and Mr. McKay of Moberly and Mr. Fountain and Mr. Denham of Centralia, Mo.

MISS BURGESS A MISSIONARY

She Will Be Ninth M. U. Student in Foreign Field.

In the last five years, eight graduates of the University of Missouri have gone into foreign missionary fields. Next June Miss Nell Burgess, a member of the Presbyterian church who received an A. B. last year, will be added to this number. Miss Burgess, a member of the Student Volunteer Band, an organization from which missionary workers are recruited, intended to leave for Cheng Cheo, province of Hunan, China, last September, but was prevented by the revolution at that time.

"Mr. White, secretary of the Northern Board of Missions of my church, will let me know in about a week about the details of my work," said Miss Burgess yesterday afternoon. "My first duty however, will be to learn the Chinese language. One must make this the entire work for about two years."

Miss Burgess volunteered for the missionary work in 1908, when she was a sophomore in the university. She said that all foreign missionaries are now required to have an A. B. degree before they can take up field work. It is her opinion that the present political change in China will aid missionary work in that country.

Miss Burgess said Dr. Jennie V. Fleming, a missionary who has been in India the last five years and who formerly lived in Columbia, will start for home on her first furlough about the middle of next month. She will not arrive however until some time in May, the trip taking about six weeks.

State Highway Engineers to Meet.

The Highway Engineers' Association is composed of the active and former county engineers and surveyors of the state and civil engineers. The meeting will be held in connection with the National Cement Show.

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